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## Are boulevards, traffic lights in Ignacio's future?

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Twenty years from now, Ignacio could look very different.

It depends, of course, on which aspects of the proposed Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan make it into the final product, due in September 2012 – as well as the extent to which the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and partner agencies implement them. The end result could range from little change to a near-total overhaul of the look and feel of getting around town.

"We're looking at a 20-year traffic growth projection," said Edward L. Hocker, senior transportation planner with URS Corp., the group developing the plan, during a Jan. 12 presentation at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. "We're looking at a balance between mobility and access. We really have to try to develop that."

The group is attempting to do that by introducing two plans, dubbed "minimum alternative" and "maximum alternative," and melding them into one over the next few months based on feedback. The process aims to produce something that will improve safety, traffic flow, bike



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Edward L. Hocker, senior transportation planner at URS Corp., explains the nuances of a pair of transportation proposals to a group of Southern Ute Indian Tribe employees during a meeting Jan. 12 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The group is drawing up the Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan at the behest of a group of government agencies, including the Tribe, the Town of Ignacio, La Plata County and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

and pedestrian mobility, public transportation, and business access, Hocker said.

The minimum alternative includes mostly minor improvements and aims to keep costs down, but it's not designed to

handle long-term traffic growth. It includes the following:

- A traffic signal at the intersection of Ute Street (State Highway 151) and Goddard Avenue (State Highway 172)
- Sidewalks, curbs and gut-

ters along sections of Highway 172 and County Road 517

- Access to the West Mesa from the intersection of Highway 172 and Ute Road

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## Miners implode under IHS pressure

By Joel Priest  
special to the Drum

Telluride assistant coach Richard Hart left IHS Gymnasium holding a box of Kleenex.

"We'll need this on the ride home," he said, jokingly serious, "and you can quote me on that!"

None of the Miners' brass were actually in tears, but the implied metaphor fit: They'd just witnessed something as close to a public execution as one can see on a basketball court. Fortunately for them, the red-hot Ignacio Bobcats dropped the guillotine about as fast as they could.

The opening tip between IHS's Ryan Brooks and THS's Austin Koenig was the closest to victory as the Miners would get, but Brooks won the joust easily. Two minutes, 51 seconds later, the Bobcats had roared out to an 11-0 lead, forcing Miners boss Mike Hughes to call an exasperated timeout.

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photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Air Quality Analyst Yolanda Williams explains how data is extrapolated from the meteorological tower and other instrumentation into readable graphs for analysis on the laptop at the Ute 1 site. Ute Mountain Ute Air Quality Program representatives toured the Ignacio facility on Jan. 25.

## Ute Mountain looks to Ignacio for air quality expertise

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is taking steps toward creating an air quality program, and it's looking toward its counterparts in Ignacio for help.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Air Quality Division hosted visitors from Towaoc on Jan. 25 in an effort to share technical expertise. Environmental specialist Tomoe Natori and air quality technician Dakota Hargett made the trip to Ignacio in order to view the cutting-edge Southern Ute operations first hand.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Navajo Nation are currently the only two Native American tribes with established air quality programs in the Four Corners region. The Southern Utes submit their data to AQS, the Environmental Protection

Agency's repository of ambient air quality data, and are also actively involved in outreach programs.

The impetus for the action is a concern for the health and safety of White Mesa, Utah, residents, stemming from potential exposure to uranium. The White Mesa Mill is the only privately owned and operated uranium mill in the country. The mill processes raw ore and alternate feed material, which contain uranium.

Nearby Ute Mountain Ute residents could be susceptible to low-level contamination as a result of the mill operations. Currently, Ute Mountain staffers are researching how tribal members could become exposed.

"We know that there is a deposition of uranium laden material" based on a U.S. Geological Survey project in the surround-

ing areas, said Scott Clow, who heads up Ute Mountain's environmental programs. "We want to know if any of that is getting to the White Mesa community."

Through direct funding from the EPA, there is an opportunity to build the infrastructure and hire team members needed to mine consistent data for air quality control and assurance. The Ute Mountain Utes began an air emissions inventory in the late '90s, but it died due to insufficient funds. Clean Air Act funding through the EPA has made further work possible.

Chris Ellis, senior air quality specialist with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, gave an in-depth presentation on air quality monitoring before the team was taken into the field to witness the monitoring process for themselves.

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## Boys & Girls Club honors community youth

By Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum

As actor Denzel Washington says in one of his Boys & Girls Club of America commercials, "Today's different young people face problems I never had to think about. That's why now, more than ever, we need the Boys & Girls Club."

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe played that message during its Youth of the Year brunch Jan. 23 at the new Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility. The event celebrated the club's work and honored the youth of the community during the annual ceremony to select a leader of the year and a youth of the year.

About 200 community members, friends and family showed up for the fundraiser. The event began with a welcome from Boys & Girls Club Chief Professional Officer Jennifer Bartlett, who introduced lifetime club member Larry Tucker for the blessing.

"The youth of the year honors all youth," he said. "They are all winners."

A panel of four interviewed each of the candidates for leader and youth of the year: Emily Misner, Mike Olguin, Sheila Nanaeto, and Jacob Frost, last year's youth of the year winner.

The candidates included Destaney Reynolds, Chrystianne Valdez, Lorraine Watts, Elco Garcia, Merri Maddox, Kaylie Guse, Alex Gearhart, Jazmine Carmeneros, Christian Joosten, Jerrika Rarrick, Tauno Gallegos and Lenka Doskocil. When they were announced and brought to the stage, a candid slideshow of the candidates was presented.

Each candidate represented a month and was selected for demonstrating good club expectations, which include trustwor-



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Jenn Bartlett, chief professional officer of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, gives a brief welcome Jan. 23 to begin the youth of the year brunch at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility.

thiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Kaylie Guse, a fifth-grade student at Ignacio Intermediate School, was this year's winner. Guse thanked her family and the club staff after receiving her award.

Four peer leaders were chosen to compete for leader of the year: Wayne Williams, a senior at Bayfield High School; Carly Bentley, a student at Fort Lewis College; Morgan Box, a junior at Bayfield High School; and Kree Lopez, a senior at Ignacio High

School. Each spoke about what they enjoy about the club and why they should be selected.

Williams, who is aspiring to become a chef and a comedian, was first to speak, offering how he enjoys club because he gets to spend time with his nephew and niece and have fun with the other kids.

Bartlett shared of her mother's words of wisdom: Give back to the community, giving your time even without pay.

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News in brief

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Tribe launches new website

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has updated its online look. The Tribe's new website at <http://southern-ute.nsn.us> went live Dec. 14, 2010, boasting a cleaner layout and standardized design across pages. The Tribe followed up that announcement with another Jan. 27, introducing the new site for mobile devices at <http://m.southern-ute.nsn.us>. Updates to individual departments' sites will be rolled out in the coming months.

Osha root available to tribal members

Tribal Information Services is making limited quantities of osha (bear) root available to tribal members for free beginning Monday, Jan. 31. If any tribal member would like some, please contact Andrea Taylor at 970-563-4702. If you live in Ignacio, stop by the office and pick it up. Limit one quart bag per tribal member.

Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Meat is processed and packaged using local processors and is available as hamburger, steaks, roasts, stew meat and other specialty cuts. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

Elders travel information

For all tribal elders and handicapped or disabled members wanting to travel in your own private vehicle, the Elders Department needs the following information for Marge in the Purchasing Office:

- 1. Your updated vehicle insurance
- 2. Your up-to-date driver license or that of the person who will be driving you

When you return from your trip, please turn in your motel or hotel receipt within 5 working days; if you don't, Finance will be billing you for the total amount of your trip. The Elders Services Department needs your flyer and two weeks prior notice to travel. And you, as the traveler, will make your own motel or hotel reservation. Have any questions? Call Elder Services at 970-563-0156.

Co-ed teen self-defense classes being offered

The SunUte Community Center and the Southern Ute Police Department will be offering a teen self-defense class at the SunUte Community Center on Thursday, Feb. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. Classes are first-come-first-served, with a maximum class size of 15.

Feb. 3: First day introductions, youth advocacy, self defense techniques

Feb. 4 – 7: Youth advocacy, self defense techniques

Feb. 8: Last day and certificates. Must attend all classes to receive a certificate.

For more information, call Crystal Thompson at 970-749-7149 or 970-563-0246 ext. 3317.

Hay for sale

The Southern Ute Bison Program has 500 bales of grass hay cut in 2010 for sale at \$5 per bale. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing hay, call Chris Olguin at 970-563-0130 or 970-749-5088.

Tribe offers radon testing

Environmental Programs would like to remind all tribal members that we provide free radon testing for your homes. Many of you have had your home tested by us in the past, but we have new radon monitoring equipment that will give you more accurate and immediate results. The monitor, which is about the size of a shoebox, will need to be placed in your home for 3 days. Please contact Peter Diethrich (970-563-0315 ext. 2238; [pdiet@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:pdiet@southern-ute.nsn.us)) or Mel Baker (970-563-4710; [mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us)) to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

January is National Mentoring Month

You don't need special skills to be a mentor. You just need to listen, show that you care, and share your experience. Becoming a mentor is one of the best investments you can make for the future. So, share what you know. Become a mentor today! To begin this wonderful journey that will change your life forever, contact: Darrell Clah, mentor coordinator, Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at 970-563-4753 ext. 4 or email [dclah@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:dclah@southern-ute.nsn.us)

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Forest Service accepting proposals for Title II

Project proposals are again being accepted by the U.S. Forest Service for natural-resource projects that benefit lands and resources of the San Juan National Forest and the rural economies of Archuleta, Dolores, and La Plata counties. Project funding is available through the reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, which funds Title II projects on federal lands or that benefit federal lands. The legislation encourages individuals, nonprofit organizations, local governments and others to propose projects that restore watersheds, decommission or maintain roads and trails, remove noxious weeds, thin tree stands, or otherwise improve the condition of the National Forest. Potential applicants are encouraged to coordinate Title II project proposals with their local San Juan National Forest office before submittal. The purposes of the Act include making investments and creating employment opportunities through special projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, or restore and improve land health and water quality. Project proposals that meet the intent of the legislation will be reviewed by the San Juan National Forest Secure Rural Schools Advisory Committee (RAC) in September. The RAC will provide recommendations to the Forest Service on which projects should be funded. The RAC is made up of 15 citizen members and three replacement members representing a wide range of interests. To be considered, project proposals must be received by close of business on Friday, Feb. 25, and may be mailed or hand-delivered to Bill Dunkelberger, San Juan Public Lands deputy forest supervisor, at 15 Burnett Court, Durango CO 81301.



10 years ago

One of the first off-reservation investments made by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Growth Fund led to a history-making event in New York City on Jan. 18, 2001. Tribal Councilwoman Pearl E. Casias (with mallet) and Growth Fund Director Robert Santistevan (second from left) were among the group of people asked to ring the bell to open that day's trading on the American Stock Exchange. The 2001 bell-ringing group represented Contango Oil and Gas Company, a recently formed company in which the Tribe owned approximately 20 percent of the stock and a substantial amount of its production.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 12, 2001, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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20 Years Ago

A word of confidence was given during the conflicts in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf. Local leaders prayed for peace and asked for support on national affairs. Chairman Leonard C. Burch explained the significance of raising the flags at the Tribal Affairs Building. The flags were to remain until all soldiers returned home. WCO officers (background) stood in full uniform, representing and honoring the young men and women who were serving in the various branches of the armed forces at that time.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 25, 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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30 Years Ago

As part of Winter Sports Week for Ignacio High School, Winter Sports Royalty Jeanette Quintana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Quintana, was named queen with escort Raymond Badoni at the basketball game against Pagosa Springs. A seniors-vs.-faculty basketball game also took place, with the seniors beating the faculty 24-17. Spirit week ended with the Ignacio invitational wrestling tournament.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 30, 1981, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

**Powwow Etiquette Workshop and Roles of Men & Women in the Powwow Circle**

**Multi-Purpose Building in the Gathering Room**  
**Feb. 17 from 5:30 - 8 p.m.**  
**Dinner and Door Prizes!!**  
**Hosted by: Southern Ute Royalty Committee**

**For further information, please contact**  
**Jeannette Frost at 970-563-0128 or [jfrost@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:jfrost@southern-ute.nsn.us)**

| 2011 Lake Capote Operating Schedule  |          |   |       |   |      |   |        |           |         |  |          |  |   |
|--|----------|---|-------|---|------|---|--------|-----------|---------|--|----------|--|---|
| Manager- Dam Monitoring, Plowing, Marketing, & Capital Improvements<br>Facility/Rec Programing                                     |          | Facility Prep.  |       | Lake Open to Public April 14th to October 9th                 |      |   |        |           |         | Facility Winterization   |          | Manager- Dam Monitoring, Plowing, Marketing, Capital Improvts.<br>Programing |   |
|  |          | Concessions Equipment Boats Utilities Roads Grounds Buildings |       | April 14th through May 8th<br>8am-5pm<br>4 day/wk<br>Thur-Sun |      | May 12th through September 4th<br>7 day a week schedule<br>Monday through Sunday<br>On-Duty hours: 8 am to 5-6 pm |        |           |         | Sept. 8th through Oct. 9th<br>8am - 5 pm<br>4 day/wk<br>Thur-Sun |          |  | Inventory Utilities Turn in cash Buildings Campground Restr./Tables Equip. Maint. |
| January  | February | March   | April | May   | June | July  | August | September | October | November   | December |  |   |
|  |          |   |       | MAINTENACE WORKER 2- 40 HRS/WK, 6 MNTH. TEMP.                 |      |   |        |           |         |  |          |  |   |
|  |          |   |       | MAINTENANCE WORKER 1- 40 HRS/WK, 6 MNTH. TEMP.                |      |   |        |           |         |  |          |  |   |
| LAKE CAPOTE MANAGER- FTE   |          |   |       |   |      |   |        |           |         |  |          |  |   |
|  |          |   |       |   |      |   |        |           |         |  |          |  |   |
| MAINTENANCE 1: Start April 5th (ideally) work until October 5th (if they work for 6 month straight period)                         |          |   |       |   |      |   |        |           |         |  |          |  |   |
| MAINTENANCE 2: Start April 12th (ideally) work until October 12th (can work later in season if haven't fulfilled 6 months of work) |          |   |       |   |      |   |        |           |         |  |          |  |   |

Valentine's Day is Monday, Feb. 14!



The Southern Ute Drum will print an issue on Feb. 11. If you would like to send your Valentine's wishes to the Drum, submit early to avoid the rush.

The deadline is Friday, Feb. 4, by 5 p.m.

Submit via email to the Drum at [sudrum@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:sudrum@southern-ute.nsn.us).

You may also bring them into the Drum offices located on the second floor of the Leonard C. Burch Building at 356 Ouray Drive in Ignacio or fax them to 970-563-0391.





## Lake Nighthorse recreation plan taking shape



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM Archives

**By Ace Stryker**  
*The Southern Ute Drum*

Compromise isn't easy.

Nowhere was that clearer this month than during a Jan. 12 open house to present the results of a two-day community workshop on Lake Nighthorse.

The goal? To cobble together a proposed recreation plan for the reservoir.

The process? A little like making sausage – the end result will hopefully be nice, but the process isn't pretty.

The main point of contention at the meeting, which took place at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, was how to address motorized watercraft on the lake. After several months of open houses and public forums in late 2010, the group tasked with proposing rules suggested a compromise: Establish no-wake zones around the shore, by the swimming area and on the entire west side of the

lake – while leaving the middle area open to everyone but jet-skis, for which the lake has been deemed too small.

That didn't satisfy many area residents who turned out, though. Scullers, small-boat enthusiasts, and those who simply don't want the noise and commotion complained that motorboats anywhere on the water would become a problem for others.

The process is far from finished – the Durango office of DHM Design will spend the next couple months readying a final proposal for member agencies – but the meeting made evident it won't be possible to please everyone.

Other groups encountered fewer objections during their presentations. The land recreation group proposed a series of trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use on the north side of the lake. The west and south sides will be closed from Nov. 15 to May 15 each season and will only be

open to foot traffic otherwise. The east side is restricted by laws that mandate a safety zone around two golden eagle nests that have been found.

Another group charged with planning educational offerings said they'd like to offer historic tours and perhaps a visitors center to teach about the area's history.

"None of us can recreate at Lake Nighthorse until there's a recreation plan in place," said Joy Lujan, a community planner with the National Park Service's Rivers & Trails Program, who directed the meeting. "I am really pleased with the progress these groups have made."

Ann Christensen of DHM Design said it's a vision that, thanks to community input, is becoming clear.

"After this workshop, we've got a much better understanding of what the community supports in this plan," she said.



Re: Revision of Code of Ethics

Dear tribal members:

As you may know, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has been reviewing and working on revisions to the Tribe's Code of Ethics. As we continue this important process, we would like to call upon tribal members for their insight and input to ensure that the code best serves its intended purpose.

While we may consider a comment period for all tribal members later on in the adoption process, we are now looking for two tribal members who would be willing and available to serve on a seven-member group to review and propose revisions to the code. The two tribal members selected for this service will work with various other individuals to review the code over the course of 90 days and respond to the council with proposed revisions or other issues to consider.

Interested tribal members who would be available for such work and who have knowledge of and familiarity with the Tribal Code, policies and procedures should submit letters of interest to Mr. Charley Flagg, director of the Department of Justice & Regulatory, no later than Feb. 18. Upon selection by the Tribal Council, it is anticipated that the Code review/revision group would begin its work no later than early March.

Please contact Mr. Flagg at 970-563-0100 ext. 3100, or my office at 970-563-0100 ext. 2319, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Box, chairman  
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council



## Ute Language

ParüsipÜ - Ice

ParaÇsipÜ - Ice cream

ParaÇsi - To freeze

*Editor's note: The Ute Language and "Translation" are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996*

## PowWow Trails

### Indian Art Market Feb. 4

Concho Community Building • Concho, OK  
Contact: [lynettegray](mailto:lynettegray@gmail.com)  
Phone: 405-422-7622  
Email: [lgray@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:lgray@c-a-tribes.org)  
URL: [www.c-a-tribes.org](http://www.c-a-tribes.org)

### Haskell Commencement Winter PowWow Feb. 5

155 Indian Ave • Lawrence, KS  
Contact: Steve Byington  
Phone: 785-830-2780  
Email: [haskellpowwow@gmail.com](mailto:haskellpowwow@gmail.com)

### Okla. Gourd Dance Club Benefit PowWow Feb. 6

584 NW Bingo Rd • Lawton, OK  
Contact: Butch Tahsequah  
Phone: 580-248-2591

### 34th Annual Southern Utah University Feb. 11 – 12

351 West Center Street • Cedar City, UT  
Contact: Tina Calamity  
Phone: 435-586-7772  
Email: [calamity@suu.edu](mailto:calamity@suu.edu)  
Web: [www.suu.edu/orgs/nasa](http://www.suu.edu/orgs/nasa)

### Red Hoop Round Dance Feb. 19 – 20

1585 Watasheamu Dr. • Gardnerville, NV  
Contact: Martin Montgomery  
Phone: 775-459-9655  
Email: [rdhoop3@yahoo.com](mailto:rdhoop3@yahoo.com)  
URL: [RedHoopRoundDance@facebook.com](http://RedHoopRoundDance@facebook.com)

### O'odham Tash Social PowWow Feb. 19 – 20

512 Eleven Mile Corner Road • Casa Grande, AZ  
Contact: Georgette Johnson  
Phone: 520-450-1338  
Email: [ot.softball\\_39@yahoo.com](mailto:ot.softball_39@yahoo.com)

### Utah State University 38th Annual PowWow Feb. 25 – 26

700 N. 800 E. (Nelson Fieldhouse) • Logan, UT  
Contact: Layne Koyle  
Phone: 435-757-5350  
Email: [layne.j.k@aggiemail.usu.edu](mailto:layne.j.k@aggiemail.usu.edu)

## TRIBAL ACTIVITIES!

**Every Sunday in January at the  
Sky Ute Casino Resort  
In the John S. Williams Room.  
12:00pm-3:30pm**

JAN 2 UTE MOVIES & NECKLACE MAKING  
JAN 9 SWEATSHIRT MAKING  
JAN 16 FINISHING UP SEWING  
JAN 23 UTE BINGO AND CARD GAME  
JAN 30 HAND GAMES  
FEB 6 VALENTINE CARD MAKING  
FEB 13 PAINTING  
FEB 20 FINISH PROJECTS  
FEB 27 UTE BINGO AND CARD PLAYING

Benda Watts is the facilitator for the Activity Night on Sundays at the casino from 12-3:30pm.

All Activity Nights will be in the John S. Williams Room from 12:00-3:30pm. Activities are not sponsored by Sky Ute Casino Resort.

For Additional information please call  
Dustin Weaver at 563.1759.



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# The Kidney Corner: Stages of chronic kidney disease

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
Durango Nephrology Associates

Chronic kidney disease is divided into five stages by severity. These stages are determined by measurement of the glomerular filtration rate (GFR), a measure of the filtering capacity of the kidneys, which can be calculated easily from common blood tests. If your physician tells you that you have kidney disease, it's worth inquiring about the stage, so that over time you can monitor whether your kidney disease is progressing.

**Stage 1**, the least severe, is defined by a normal GFR, above 90 ml/minute. People with Stage 1 kidney disease have either protein loss in the urine or some other evidence of kidney disease; for example, scarring on a kidney scan.

Many people with Stage 1 kidney disease are able, with treatment, to continue normal kidney function throughout their lives provided the underlying cause of the kidney disease can be cured or controlled. For example, many diabetic patients in the early stages of their disease may have protein loss in the urine, though initially the GFR may be normal.



**Stage 2**, or mild chronic kidney disease, is defined by a GFR of 60 to 90. This level of kidney disease also requires careful monitoring and sometimes treatment. One problem is that the tests available to distinguish the presence of Stage 2 kidney disease have some inaccuracy, and it can be hard to distinguish this mild degree of kidney disease from normal kidney function.

**Stage 3**, or moderate chronic kidney disease, is defined by a GFR of 30 to 60. Most patients with this stage of kidney disease continue to feel well, and many are unaware that they have kidney disease, despite the decrease in kidney function. However, several organ systems start to sustain damage during this stage, including bones, heart and blood vessels, and most patients need medications

during this stage to slow the progression of their kidney disease and to protect other organs.

Since there are usually no symptoms evident to patients who have this level of kidney disease, it is important to screen kidney function in people at risk for kidney disease.

One of the challenges in stages 1, 2 and 3 kidney disease is to separate patients who will develop progressive kidney disease from those who are at minimal risk of worsening. One useful way to do this is to measure the amount of protein in the urine, which is quite predictive of future deterioration in kidney function.

**During stage 4**, or severe chronic kidney disease, with a GFR of 15 to 30, patients need assistance to make a plan for dialysis or transplantation. Unfortunately, it is unusual for patients in this stage to recover, though the rate of progression of their disease can usually be slowed.

**Most patients with Stage 5** kidney disease (also known as end-stage kidney disease) require dialysis or a kidney transplant to stay alive. Great progress has been made in the care of patients with end stage kidney disease, but dialysis and transplant are still difficult and time-consuming treatments.

# Health Center to improve pharmacy service, tech

Media release  
Tribal Health Department

Fifteen months ago, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe took over the Health Center under a P.L. 93-638 contract. This brought lots of change, as all health programs began changing to a patient-centric model, or one that focuses on the patient. A review of patient comments from past years gave important information on how to improve many of our services, including the pharmacy program.

One patient comment from Tribal Health's most recent patient satisfaction survey was "Need more types of medicine in pharmacy and an updated computer system."

Another comment was "Pharmacy, I waited one hour."

Another was "Pharmacy slow now, took 45 minutes to get prenatal vitamins."

And another was "Improve computer system for pharmacy so that I can get all my medicines here."

After Feb. 1, the pharmacy will address most of the patient comments and suggestions by moving into the old optometry area located on the east side of the Health Center. Signs will be posted showing directions to the new pharmacy.

The new pharmacy will have a bigger work area to begin adding more medications, a small pharmacy-specific waiting room, and an external dispensing window so patients can pick up their medications from outside the Health Center. The pharmacy will also be getting a new computer system.

The new convenient walk-up window is located on the east wall of the Health Center, between the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start and the Health Center. The window will be open during regular business hours and is equipped with a microphone, speakers, and overhead lighting. The window also has a sliding drawer similar to a bank drive-up window.

*One patient's comment from Tribal Health's patient survey was "Need more types of medicine in pharmacy and an updated computer system."*

meds. This has been a problem in the past, because many times a patient will call in one day to refill part of their medications and call in another day to refill the remainder. This resulted in patients' medications being separated, causing time delays when staff tried locating all the medications.

The new computer system will eliminate this problem, because it keeps track of where patients' medications have been placed.

Another improvement is bar-coding technology that will be used to improve patient safety. No longer will a patient sign a printed label when picking up medications, but instead they'll sign an electronic signature pad. The system will also keep track of patients who prefer easy-open caps, as well as patient privacy and counseling.

In March 2011, a new medication-filling robot will also be installed that communicates with the new computer system. The robot is a large unit that holds hundreds of medications.

When a medication is ordered, the robot selects the appropriate drug, counts the pills, places them in a drug vial, and attaches the label. The pharmacist reviews the medication for completeness then dispenses to the patient.

This system will reduce the potential for medication errors and keep track of lot numbers so if ever a drug company recalls a medication, pharmacy staff can quickly notify patients and replace that medication.

Some have voiced a concern about improved technology costing the Tribe a lot of money. The funding for this project is from Pharmacy Department cost savings of \$70,000 last year and third-party collections. Sound management and financial accountability continues to provide the resources needed to improve our services, advance the patient centric model, and address many of your concerns.

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# Ignacio Community Library news and updates

**NEWS:**

• **Library closure:** Monday, Feb. 21 to observe Presidents Day.

**CALENDAR:**

• **Story time:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Little patrons come and enjoy a holiday story and make a craft.

• **Radon workshop:** Tuesday, Feb. 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The only way to tell if your home has dangerous levels of radon is to test for it. Once detected, homes with high levels of radon can be easily fixed. Test your home today. Learn more about radon and how to test for the colorless and odorless gas in your home. Free radon tests will be available.

• **Senior Center visits:** Tuesday, Feb. 8 and 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be large print books, audio books, and information on upcoming programs. You can request an item or sign up for a library card.

• **Library Board meeting:** Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

• **Guriz Night Out:** Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 4:30 p.m. For the gals and the girls to come enjoy an evening of chocolate indulgence. Bring your favorite chocolate dessert to share with the ladies and enjoy the movie Chocolat. You are welcome to bring your dinner (microwave is available) and we will provide the drinks. Seating is limited; stop by or call in to sign up.

• **ICL Yarn Spinners:** Meet Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Knitters are welcome to join and bring your ideas and friends.

**Kids programs:**

• **Book club:** Starting Feb. 1 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The Ignacio Community Library will begin a book club for kids 6-8 years old. The first book on the book club agenda is "Calendar Mysteries: January Joker" by Ron Roy. The club will meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Call to sign up.

**Tweenz programs:**

• **Feb. 3 at 3:45 p.m. Movie day:** The Amazing Panda Adventure.

• **Feb. 10 at 3:45 p.m. Dream collage:** Make an awesome collage with pictures, stickers and other items. Dream Big!

• **Feb. 17 at 3:45 p.m. The Cupcake Boss:** You can be the next Library Cupcake Boss! Come create and vote on your favorite cupcake.

• **Feb. 24 at 3:45 p.m. Oooh, it's a lava-lamp:** Cool, let's make one.

**Teen programs:**

During the month of February, we will be watching the Twilight movie series.

• **Feb. 7 at 3:45 p.m. Twilight.**

• **Feb. 14 at 3:45 p.m. New Moon.**

• **Feb. 28 at 3:45 p.m. Eclipse.**

## Scholarship available to La Plata Senior Girls

*Media release*

*P.E.O. Sisterhood*

The Dorothy Gore P.E.O. Scholarship is available to any La Plata County graduating senior girl who has shown academic promise, leadership potential and serves her community. This scholarship honors Dorothy

Gore, a retired, long time Durango teacher. Any La Plata county girl with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average is eligible to apply for the \$1,000 scholarship. Although priority is given to applicants to Cottey College, all applicants to an academic college are considered. Cottey College is a two year

women's college in Nevada Missouri that is owned, operated and financed by the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Applications are available at the Durango high school counseling office. Information about Cottey College will be available. The deadline to submit the application is April 4.

## Bobcats of the Month

IGNACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOBCAT AWARD  
Aleah Abeyta

IGNACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOBCAT AWARD  
Grace Gonzales

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Kessley Tallbird

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These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for January for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn: Aleah Abeyta, Grace Gonzales, Bella Pena, Alexis Pontine, Kyle Rima, Kessley Tallbird, Lawrence Toledo and Kalynn Weaver.

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## BGC helps install house numbers



photo courtesy/Southern Ute Boys & Girls Club

On Jan. 17, the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted its first annual MLK Jr. Family Service Day. As part of a service project with the Town of Ignacio, the club is working to ensure that each home in town has a visible address that can be easily seen by emergency responders from the street. One family – Andrew Morgan, Kristi Garnanez and Crystal Thompson – and a volunteer, Cecilia Flores, participated. After surveying close to 300 homes and businesses, they verified that about 250 sites had visible addresses, left over 30 more notifications that address numbers were needed, and installed address numbers to 13 sites. This service project will be ongoing. The club will also be offering support to the Tribal Addressing Project this spring. If you need help making sure that your home has a visible address, contact Gina Cosio at 970-563-4753 or gcosio@southern-ute.nsn.us.

## Education update

**Education announces GED test dates**

The Department of Education would like to announce GED test dates on Feb. 4, March 4 and April 8. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call the Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

## See It. Stop It. Youth Leadership Project

### Art/Design Contest Rules

**See It. Stop It. Youth Leadership Project Mission Statement**

We are tri-ethnic youth leaders working to end violence in our lives and in our community.

**Official Rules**

1. Create a picture, design or symbol that communicates your ideas for stopping violence and creating non-violent lives and communities. The designs in each age group will be used to promote the See It. Stop It. Youth Leadership Project and support community voices speaking out against violence.
2. All art mediums of any size will be accepted. Please attach a completed entry form.
3. One entry per person.
4. Must have valid contact information.
5. Prizes will be awarded for the winning entry in each age group. All art work will be displayed at the Feb. 25 "Overdrive" held at the SunUte Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
6. Judging will be conducted by community members and peer groups.
7. Entries will be accepted in each the following age groups:
  - Elementary School: K –third grades
  - Intermediate School: fourth – sixth grades
  - Junior High School: seventh – eighth grades
  - High School: ninth – 12th grades
  - Adults: 18 – 54
  - Elders: 55 and over
8. Artwork and completed entry forms may be dropped off at any of the following locations:
  - All Ignacio Public School offices
  - The SUIT Academy
  - The Ignacio Public Library
9. Entry deadline is Feb. 18.

See It. Stop It. Youth Leadership Project is sponsored by the Violence Prevention Coalition of Southwest Colorado and Southern Ute Health Services with support from Southern Ute Education Department and Ms. Foundation.

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Adult education, ESOL instruction, family literacy programs, workforce education, vocational and/or bridge programs—it can all look quite different in the rural context, as compared with metropolitan classrooms. How are we managing to succeed here, among sparse populations and thin revenues? Share your ideas, skills, and triumphs, meet your peers, and spring into action! Professionals from across the rural spectrum, public and nonprofit, are welcome.

Proposals for 1 ½ to 2-hour sessions may be on any topic, best practice, research, or initiative relevant to the field. Deadline February 28, 2011.

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Senior Air Quality Specialist Chris Ellis leads an informational presentation on the Southern Ute Air Quality Program. Ellis explained the workings of the filters and other instrumentation used by the Tribe to monitor air quality on reservation lands. Tomoe Natori and Dakota Hargett are part of the Ute Mountain Ute Air Quality Program seeking to model their own air quality program after the success of the Southern Utes.

UMU takes the lead from SU • from page 1

Ellis explained the software programs, data sheets, and timeframes that would streamline data collection and submission. “Everything generates from good data,” he said. “The more data, the better.” Regarding the types of information that should be collected, choosing site locations, and purchasing equipment, Tom Johnson, who heads the Tribe’s Environmental Programs, echoed the sentiment. “The first thing is [gathering] the basic data so you can make those decisions,” he said.

Southern Ute staffers and the Ute Mountain Ute visitors made trips to both the Ute 1 and Ute 3 air quality monitoring sites, located in Ignacio and Bondad respectively. By logging data from two sites, “you can see really good patterns, which is a great way to see if your data is correlating,” Ellis said, adding that getting good support from the EPA is crucial to success. “It is always good to be the person to put your foot forward first.” Ellis attributed the success of the Southern Ute Air Quality Division to a long line of dedicated and ambitious team members and a

strengthening of the relationship with the EPA through the years. To sum up their visit, Ute Mountain Ute specialist Natori thanked the Tribe for its guidance and willingness to help. “We’ve learned so much not only the technical aspects of how to develop the AQ program, but also your commitment and willingness to assist us,” she said in a follow-up email. “It is so helpful to be able to follow your steps and work together; your hospitality and kindness boosted our confidence and we are ready to forge ahead! We are very lucky to have you as a model.”

Youth of the year

Boys & Girls Club honors youth • from page 1

Box spoke of her beliefs in generosity, family and pureness of thought with her “second family,” the Boys & Girls Club. Lopez talked about her father, who recently passed away. She said he is her hero, having told her to respect others and her culture. She was selected as the winner. She also received a \$200 scholarship from Wells Fargo, awarded by bank representative Annette Gallegos. Each Boys & Girls Club across the nation offers a staffer or volunteer the Billy Thomas Award, given to someone nominated by the leader of the year. Lopez selected Sarah Valdez, saying she



helped her get through the loss of her father. Guse and Lopez will represent

the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the upcoming state youth of the year competition in Denver. Of the 16 clubs and multiple sites within Colorado, one will be chosen from Colorado. Each state’s representative will then compete at the national competition. Valdez will also be attending the state competition and will be recognized as a recipient of the Billy Thomas award. During the brunch, each table was adorned with a centerpiece made by club members using recycled materials, McDonald’s cups, handles and various bits and pieces. They were the topic of discussion in one group exercise in which childhood memories were shared. Jared Wright from Southern Ute Community Actions Programs’ Youth Services conducted a “recycled band,” which performed a call-and-response piece using recycled items as instruments, empty five-gallon bucket as drums, wooden dowels and shakers. “Share your culture,” Wright said. “Share your music with your children. Music is everywhere. If we don’t share this gift,



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The annual youth of the year brunch took place at the Multi-purpose Facility on Sunday, Jan. 23. The fundraiser recognized community youth for their dedication and hard work within the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pictured from top left: Leader of the year Kree Lopez hugs Sarah Valdez, the Billy Thomas Award recipient; the candidates for youth of the year take the stage; the “recycle band” plays a call-and-response song using recycled items as instruments; Kaylie Guse, youth of the year winner, is flanked by proud parents.



it will die.” As the yearly event came to a close, the words of Denzel Washington echoed throughout the facility: “[Boys & Girls Club] is a positive place where thou-

sands of people help young people succeed. ... Does it work? It did for me.”







# Roubideaux leads way on Bayfield’s court

By **Sunnie R. Clahchischiligi**  
*Navajo Times*

*Editor’s note: The following article is reprinted with permission from the Navajo Times at the request of Seth Roubideaux’s aunt, Dona Frost, who is very proud of him.*

At age five, Seth Roubideaux would sit in front of his parent’s television set and copy the moves of the famous basketball players he watched.

He would rush home from school just to pop in one of his many basketball tapes and start practicing.

“I would come home and watch them over and over, imitate the stuff they were doing,” Roubideaux said. “I was always fascinated with the way they played.”

Now 18 years old, Roubideaux is the starting point guard for Colorado Class 3A Bayfield High in Bayfield. He is half Navajo and half Southern Ute.

His family loves basketball and he grew up at tournaments and gyms all over the Four Corners watching his stepfather play.

“I was just kind of destined. My whole family is a big basketball family,” he said. “Around here, it’s the big thing to do.”

Roubideaux said his Diné ties link to family in Teec Nos Pos, Ariz., and to the Salt Clan, but he was raised entirely in his Southern Ute culture.

His mother, Mikki Roubideaux, is Southern Ute from the Ignacio area and his stepfather, Michael Roubideaux, is from the Kiowa Tribe in Oklahoma.

At first, basketball was just for fun and the love of the game.



photo Joel Priest/courtesy Navajo Times

Roubideaux started playing in leagues when he was five. He moved up through the age groups and attended basketball camps at Fort Lewis College and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Then, his stepfather encouraged him to take the game more seriously.

“He’s proven his point to me and his mom on his self-dedication,” said Michael, “going down to the recreation center and doing it everyday. I’m proud of him and he’s really excelling in basketball.”

As Seth grew older bigger opportunities arose.

Last summer, he was invited to play in the 2010 U.S. Junior Nationals basketball tournament in Columbus, Ohio, where athletes met with college recruiters and planned for the next level. He was invited again for this coming summer.

Roubideaux also played in the

Native American Basketball Invitational in Phoenix the last two summers with teams from Colorado and Arizona.

As a freshman, Roubideaux played for Durango High School on the junior varsity team. As a sophomore, he played varsity but hurt his wrist and transferred to Bayfield.

Roubideaux said it was a tough leaving his friends but it seemed to be what the team needed.

“It was definitely tough at first just because I was the new guy,” he said. “I didn’t really want to try to tell them what to do so I played a couple games and they warmed up to me.”

Roubideaux considers himself a true student of the game, much like the NBA’s Chris Paul, a point guard for New Orleans.

“I direct traffic, I’m the first to pick someone up on defense,” he said. “I pick assists ahead of points, I try to be the one your team can always count on and in a close game keep my composure.”

“I do it for the love of the game. Really, I love basketball,” he said. “I really love basketball. There’s not a day I don’t go without shooting or thinking about it, watching it and playing video games of basketball.”

Roubideaux also serves as a role model for his four siblings. He is the second oldest of five children.

His parents, grandmother Dixie Naranjo and many other family and friends support him.

Support from his family has kept Roubideaux humble, according to Michael Roubideaux.

“With his no-look passes, he’s the one making them look good and he’s staying humble about it,” Michael said. “What I’ve learned from my coaches, what I’ve seen I share with him. He just took it to another level.”

When he’s not playing basketball, Roubideaux spends his time playing soccer.

Roubideaux said he will always remember how he made his imprint as the only Native player on the Bayfield team.

“I’m proud of who I am and I love being Native,” he said. “I definitely love being the Native on the team and still being in the leader role. My teammates look at me as Seth, which I love, they see me as another person on the team.”

## Putting on final touches



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Nick Valancia puts the finishing touches on a decorative fence just south of the Wells Liquor entrance adjacent to Shur-Value on Goddard Avenue Jan. 24. The grocery store remodeled its facade as new construction expanded the commercial structure to the south. Many of Ignacio’s local businesses have made storefront improvements as part of a community effort. Valancia works for Alpine Construction out of Ignacio.

## Box brings Vegas style to Sky Ute

By **Ace Stryker**  
*The Southern Ute Drum*

After 12 years in Las Vegas, during which he studied in one of the nation’s top hospitality administration programs and worked for one of the Strip’s hottest casinos, Edward Box III is bringing his experience back home.

Box recently joined the Sky Ute Casino Resort as its new cultural coordinator, responsible for cultural projects at not just the casino but also the forthcoming Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. He’s already forming plans for new entertainment offerings with a traditional flair, including a dance group and a dinner theater show.

“There’s a lot of dances that are unique to the Utes. They don’t do them anymore,” Box said, naming the T dance and lame dance as examples. “I want to bring a lot of those back to our culture again.”

Box said he’s learned much from his time at the Venetian, which he joined in February 2002 as records retention supervisor. He worked his way up to group housing coordinator, the job he held until resigning in August 2009. That position allowed him to work with every department of the casino from catering and legal to administration to ensure guests enjoyed their stays.

One of the most important lessons, he said, came as he watched how the owner communicated with employees.

“Whether you were a manager, supervisor, front-line employee,



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house employee, he addressed us as team members,” he said. “We are all one team.”

Box said he’s impressed with Sky Ute’s guest services and would like to complement them by encouraging more promotions to draw new guests in.

“A lot of people enjoy [famous gambling spots],” he said. “They’re not familiar with the Native Americans.”

This isn’t Box’s first round with the casino; he was on board when Sky Ute opened in 1993 and later joined the CDP program to prepare for a management role. He still has one semester to go at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas before graduation – but ultimately, he says, he’d like to be back in Ignacio, leading the local casino into a bright future.

## County climate, energy available for review

**Media release**  
*4CORE*

The La Plata Climate and Energy Action Plan (CEAP) is approaching its final month for community review after 2 years and thousands of community hours.

The CEAP collaborative process was spearheaded by La Plata County, the City of Durango and the Town of Ignacio. The plan is a dynamic document that aims to decrease waste, pollution and energy inefficiencies; improve the local economy through job creation; and work toward a more self-reliant and sustainable community.

“The CEAP will allow La Plata County and the community of Durango to thrive through wise future energy use,” said Mayor Michael Rendon of Durango. “The more community members get involved in shaping this collaborative plan, the better it will become.”

The plan was developed collaboratively through local municipalities, La Plata Electric Association, Fort Lewis College Environmental Center, La Plata Energy Council members, non-profit organizations, businesses and community members. Partners used their knowledge of the local area, experience, research, planning tools, and community brainstorming sessions to generate initial strategies and actions to help the environment, economy and community in La Plata County.

The implementation of the CEAP will enhance our community by creating new jobs and business opportunities, improving air and water quality, and preserving our vital ecosystems while continuing to build a thriving community.

“This plan is the cumulative effort of over 150 community volunteers who put countless hours into drafting a plan for community resilience,” said County

Commissioner Wally White. “We encourage residents and business owners to help us put the final touches on the plan.”

The La Plata County commissioners, City of Durango councilors, town trustees of Ignacio, and 4CORE invite the community to review the CEAP online at [www.fourcore.org](http://www.fourcore.org) or in hard copy, available at local public libraries and local government information desks.

You are also encouraged to provide input and discuss the CEAP at facilitated public forums. These forums are scheduled for:

- 6 – 8 p.m. Jan. 19, Ignacio Community Library
- 6 – 8 p.m. Jan. 27, Durango Community Recreation Center’s Sunlight Room
- Bayfield forum in February TBA

The public input period lasts until Feb. 18.

## Traffic lights in Ignacio’s future? • from page 1

- A crosswalk at Becker Street
- Improvements to calm traffic near Shoshone Avenue

The maximum alternative makes more significant improvements at higher cost and is designed to be implemented in phases over time. It includes minimum alternative elements plus what Hocker calls the “boulevard” concept: transforming Highway 172 with a raised median in the middle that features landscaping.

“That [would] really create a nice entrance, north and south, into town,” he said.

It would also feature other changes:

- “Right in/right out” curbs along Highway 172, preventing cars from turning left across traffic

- Several more traffic signals at heavily trafficked intersections
- A roundabout at the intersection of Highway 517 and Ute Road
- Turn lanes at Ute Street and Goddard Avenue

The addition of turn lanes would take away some downtown parking spots. Hocker said the maximum alternative aims to mitigate that by making Ute Street west of Goddard Avenue a one-way with diagonal parking on the curb. The net loss would be about eight spaces, he said.

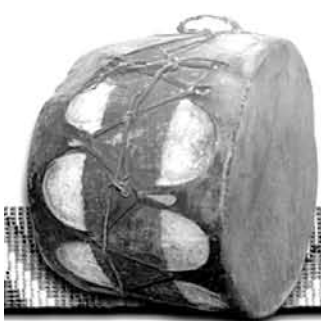
“We’re not done with this yet,” he said. “This is a plan in process.”

Rodney Class-Erickson, director of Tribal Planning, said it’s important to remember that while the final plan will act as a blueprint, it doesn’t require any of its member agencies to implement it at any given time.

“It’s not a commitment of funds on anyone’s part,” he said.

The plan is a cooperative effort between the Tribe, the Town of Ignacio, La Plata County and the Colorado Department of Transportation. The intergovernmental agreement is the first of its kind.





# Wrestlers power up in Paonia



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Derrick Naranjo balances on his knees against Fowler's Luke Gonzales to prevent himself from going down to the mat during the Jan. 21 Paonia Mixed Duals. Naranjo wrestled hard, but was pinned 0:35 into the second period of the 171-pound matchup.

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Head coach Bob Overturf wanted the classification's No. 1 team.

He got the No. 1 team.

He also wanted an opponent his Bobcats would see again this week. Got that too.

That was all at the Jan. 21 10-team Paonia Mixed Duals. Paonia's Screaming Eagle Invitational the following day was just gravy on the feast, and Ignacio's wrestlers made sure to eat hearty – especially with their own Butch Melton Invitational coming up this weekend.

Ignacio impressed all by placing sixth at the Eagle with only a six-man roster. The Cats racked up 99 points, just two behind Rangely and 13 behind Merino. Placing 1-2-3 in the field – eight more squads joined the fray – were Paonia (269), Fowler (217.5), and the Olathe JV (115).

Under a single spotlight the night before, FHS had opened the Duals with an exciting 35-33 win over the host Eagles – Class 2A's No. 1-ranked crew downing the No. 7.

Junior Alex Pena and senior Casey Haga both captured individual titles at the Saturday meet, with Pena winning at 119 pounds and Haga at 145. Pena's came by pin against Fowler's Zach Duvall, against whom he'd won 4-0 at the Duals, while Haga pinned Cedaredge's Zack Love.

Junior 189-pounder Colton Wyatt took second after losing on points to Merino's Tuff Gibson, last season's state runner-up at 171, and junior Teagan Overturf was third at 160.

Moved up a weight, he'd won both his Duals matches – a pin in 1:57 of Rangely's Zakk Wenzel and a pin in 1:28 of FHS' Nathan Acosta. Wyatt took just 39 seconds to stick RHS's Bo Armstrong, but needed a period plus 15 more ticks to pin Fowler's Chance Chambers.

Christian Knoll, who did not place in the Invitational, did pick up two forfeit victories at the Duals at 215 pounds. At 171, Derrick Naranjo also did not place on Saturday, but went 1-1 on Friday – a forfeit win against Rangely, then a loss 0:35 into the second period against FHS' Luke Gonzales.

Haga pinned RHS's Colton Coombs at 1:13 of the second, then later routed Fowler's Tate Hershey by 12-1 major decision. Pena booked his other Duals win by pinning Rangely's Lucas Heinle at 1:20; he moved up to 125 for the match but showed no problem in doing so.

Both the top-ranked Grizzlies and unranked Panthers were fortunate that injury and/or grades deprived Ignacio of three more competitors. Having gone a combined 11-1 in individual Duals matches, IHS defeated Rangely by a 36-24 margin (four weights were uncontested) but lost to Fowler 48-25. Only the heavy-weight class was uncontested; the Cats forfeited seven weights while the Grizz forfeited one.

Jan. 28 brings Rangely down to La Plata County for a non-league triangular that will also include 3A Bayfield – who will have dualled 3A's No. 1, Alamosa, just last night. Action in IHS Gymnasium is to start at 5 p.m., with The Melton beginning about 9 a.m. Jan. 29.

Feb. 4, Ignacio will travel to Nucla for the San Juan Basin League Championships.

## Miners implode under pressure • from page 1

But the vocal skipper, who is always a good matchup against Ignacio's Chris Valdez in that department, knew he was only delaying the inevitable, and the death blow came at the quarter's end. Koenig picked up his second personal foul, and on the ensuing possession IHS's Orion Watts (to the surprise of most observers) took flight to convert an alley-oop layup before the buzzer.

Guard Deion Hudson opened the second quarter by converting a breakaway reverse layup, somehow re-gaining control of the ball while airborne (necessitating the alternate release point), giving the Cats a 21-5 lead that ballooned to 38-12 at halftime. Eight Bobcats had already scored, and 11 of 12 would ultimately do so in a 72-28 rampage.

Telluride got a last laugh, of sorts, before departing. In addition to a moral boost of opening the fourth quarter on an 8-0 spurt, Miner Tristan Purdy let fly – and swished – a three-pointer from a long step inside of mid-court at the buzzer. The locals were still shouting over Bobcat Clayton Jefferson's triple off the right wing only 9 seconds earlier.

But aside from freshman Conner Courter's three threes, there was very little else the Miners (2-6, 1-5 SJBL) could take with them to build upon.

Ignacio's Pedro Vigil led all players with his 15 points, Brooks added 14, and Hudson totaled 12 in addition to injecting energy into the crowd with his aggressiveness. Senior Jay Black scored 7 points off the bench,



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Paul Tahlo (35) ensures that Telluride's Conner Courter (11) has nowhere to pass during a Jan. 21 72-28 win in San Juan Basin League action at home. Tahlo was also instrumental in the previous night's win at Mancos, pulling down 17 rebounds.

and Justin Carver added 6 more late in the game. Brothers Shane and Kelton Richmond each chipped in 4, as did Colton Davis, and Paul Tahlo hit the team's only free throw.

Roger Liljegen totaled 8 for Telluride, and Koenig 6; the two combined to make all four THS attempts from the stripe, another indication the game was swift. Purdy totaled 5 points.

The night before, Ignacio (12-2, 7-0) encountered more resistance at Mancos before separating late on the strength of their

rebounding against the Blue Jays. With Shane Richmond booking 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Brooks going for 16 and 12, the No. 6-ranked Bobcats won 61-34. Tahlo, however, opened eyes widest by scoring 6 points and collecting 17 boards.

Mancos's Emilio Marquez managed just 13 points, Cade Mitchell 7, and Kenny Philpot 4. Up next for Ignacio is a Jan. 28 game at Dolores (3-9, 2-3), then a home game against Ridgway on Feb. 5.

# Lady Cats run past Telluride

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

With the CIA-style surveillance due her, her name couldn't have been anything but "Langley."

And watch her every move the Lady Bobcats did the night of Jan. 22. Any one or a combination of six white jerseys was always in her vicinity whenever Telluride's guards tried to work the ball inside to their tall junior, limiting her to just one made basket and four-of-eight at the free-throw line.

When Ignacio went on offense – which, given their finest rebounding effort this season, was alarmingly often – the pressure was still on Emily Langley. Between guard Michelle Simmons' attacking the hoop in the first half, forward Pam Cotton's fourth-quarter flurry, and forward Mariah Vigil's game-long performance, THS's big'un went scoreless in the first half and finished the game with four fouls, allowing IHS to cap an authoritative 59-44 San Juan Basin League win with an 11-4 run over the last 3:01.

Vigil scored 13 points, but yanked down 13 vital rebounds to help Ignacio preserve momentum gained the night before in a thrilling 52-48 overtime SJBL win at Mancos, as well as helping IHS equal last year's regular-season victory haul. Simmons, matched up against THS's best backcourt player in Emy Ludwig, stoked the fires with a near triple-double (20 points, 11 rebounds, 8 steals).

Cotton triggered the Lady Bobcats' penultimate spree with an unguarded layup – two of her 12 points in the quarter, and 15 total – but in transition was particularly deadly. For run she'd done while seeing action in Ignacio's 72-25 junior-varsity win (including a 42-8 second half), and head coach Brice Searles changed very little regarding IHS's game plan when varsity gear was donned.

Ludwig tied the slow-starting game at 5-5 with a layup and 3:03 left in the first frame, but Cotton regained the lead with a free throw 14 seconds later. Simmons gave the Cats a 10-5 advantage with a weakside put-back at the buzzer of a Cotton miss, having started the down-court break with a steal herself.

Ignacio's Rose Mirabal – who scored 4 points, but burned MHS for 23 – and Telluride's Sarah



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Out-leaping Telluride's Emy Ludwig (22), Ignacio's Michelle Simmons (3) fires up a shot Jan. 22 in IHS Gymnasium. Simmons' 20 points led the Lady Bobcats, who matched last year's regular-season win total with a 59-44 defeat of the Lady Miners.

Wontrobski began the second stanza with offsetting long jumpers, and the Lady Bobcats' readiness to rumble showed through as Cotton sent Ludwig hard to the deck after tying up possession. Ludwig (13 points) pulled the Lady Miners back to 14-13 with a charity toss 4:02 before halftime, but IHS would hold a 19-15 lead through two.

Vigil quickly began the third quarter with a layup inside, but THS's Jo Bush answered with two free throws to keep the margin at 4. But after Vigil forced her way in for another inside bucket, Telluride's Mike McCloud called timeout with his team (5-4, 3-4 SJBL) suddenly on the wrong side of a 27-17 score – with 6:26 still left in the quarter. Ignacio's Cloe Seibel, however, drained what could have been the back-breaking 3-pointer, had Bush (7 points) not then responded with a 3-point play.

Wontrobski then followed with consecutive steals and layups to quickly cut IHS's lead to 30-26, but Vigil came through with a hoop-and-one of her own to maintain a 38-32 lead after 24

regulation minutes.

Rylie Jefferson, making a gradual post-concussion return to action, began the fourth with two foul shots, but with Ludwig and Wontrobski – the former also a hockey player, the latter awaiting soccer – still showing good speed, THS rallied to 42-38 on a Ludwig breakaway basket with 5:12 remaining.

But after Langley picked up her fourth personal 29 ticks later, and Wontrobski (14 points) did likewise with 2:19 to go, the Lady Miners could do little more than watch the Lady Cats run away. Throwing extra salt into the wound, Cotton ended the game with a buzzer-beating layup after Telluride's Sonja Erickson rejected a Vigil attempt right into her waiting hands on the opposite side of the lane.

Now 6-6 overall (4-3 SJBL) after their third straight win, Ignacio begins their second pass through the loop's 2A – also their postseason district – side Jan. 28 at Dolores (9-3, 6-0). The Lady Cats then go to 1A Dove Creek on Feb. 4, then return to host Ridgway the next afternoon.

## Second Annual No Tap Tournament

Rolling Thunder Lanes in Ignacio • March 19 & 20  
Sponsored by Sky Ute Casino Resort

### Rules:

- Must use highest 2009-2010 league average. If no 2009-2010 average is available, current league average as of March 21 of 21 games will be used. (Verification from league secretary/association manager must be presented prior to bowling). If not established average, bowler must bowl scratch.
- Tournament managers reserve the right to verify all averages.
- USBC membership card required at check-in.
- Bowl three games on one pair of lanes.
- Three divisions: Open, Women and Youth. Open can contain women and men, Women's for women only, Youth for youth only.

- Cash once in a division, highest standing.
- Pay out will be 1 of 5 entries.
- \$1,500 will be added by the Sky Ute Casino to the prize fund.
- Check in time is no later than 30 minutes prior to squad time.

### Breakdown of funds:

#### Open & Women

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Lineage to Rolling Thunder | \$ 9.00  |
| Prize fund                 | \$ 10.00 |
| Tournament expenses        | \$ 3.00  |

#### Youth

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Lineage to Rolling Thunder | \$ 7.50 |
| Prize fund (scholarships)  | \$ 7.50 |

## Class 2A/1A San Juan Basin League

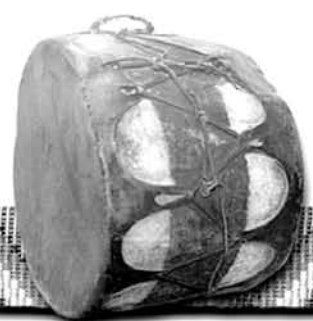
2010-11 Basketball Standings (as of Jan. 24)

| BOYS                      | OVERALL |      | SJBL | PER GAME  | GIRLS      | OVERALL |      | SJBL | PER GAME  |
|---------------------------|---------|------|------|-----------|------------|---------|------|------|-----------|
| Team                      | W-L     | Pct. | W-L  | Us/Them   | Team       | W-L     | Pct. | W-L  | Us/Them   |
| IGNACIO                   | 12-2    | .857 | 7-0  | 62.0/40.8 | Norwood    | 12-1    | .923 | 8-0  | 48.3/22.5 |
| Ridgway#                  | 7-4     | .636 | 5-1  | 64.5/52.0 | Dolores    | 9-3     | .750 | 6-0  | 54.0/37.4 |
| Mancos                    | 6-6     | .500 | 4-3  | 52.9/52.9 | Ridgway#   | 6-4     | .600 | 4-3  | 42.3/39.9 |
| Norwood                   | 5-8     | .385 | 4-4  | 50.4/54.4 | IGNACIO    | 6-6     | .500 | 4-3  | 47.2/49.2 |
| Ouray                     | 7-5     | .583 | 3-3  | 60.5/48.4 | Dove Creek | 8-3     | .727 | 3-3  | 47.6/36.9 |
| Dolores                   | 3-9     | .250 | 2-3  | 42.4/54.2 | Telluride  | 5-4     | .555 | 3-3  | 43.2/45.5 |
| Telluride                 | 2-6     | .250 | 1-5  | 35.1/54.7 | Mancos     | 3-8     | .273 | 2-5  | 37.4/43.7 |
| Nucla                     | 0-12    | .000 | 0-7  | 31.7/66.9 | Ouray      | 2-12    | .167 | 1-6  | 32.2/54.4 |
| (# one game not reported) |         |      |      |           | Nucla      | 2-10    | .167 | 0-7  | 34.8/54.7 |

— compiled by Joel Priest

(# one game not reported)





## Express Your Opinions

### A history of violence

Lost in the folds of historical pages, the Uncompahgre Ute Indians of Colorado were forced to the edge of extinction.

Personal accounts reveal a more sinister plot to remove the Utes from their homeland. All Americans should reflect upon these actions and be ashamed of what the Uncompahgre endured. American history is blinded by the tragic events that led to ethnic cleansing. Most Americans refuse to accept responsibility or are ignorant of the actions taken to eliminate the First Nation People.

Colorado's first and oldest residents were given an "Order of Extermination" by Governor Pitken (1880). The violent history of Western European men and manifest destiny followed them here. The pristine valleys of Colorado exposed the mutilated, murdered victims and their blood absorbed by the land. The atrocities that men commit remain in their blood lines.

Why do men envelop this distorted view of killing? My Sun Dance teaching and beliefs are that the Creator is watching; doesn't your teaching and beliefs tell the same?

Today, Coloradoans have little concern and are offended by the accusations pointed at them. I am puzzled by those who state that we, as native people, should be grateful for all the good things that American values condone. Colorado history does not take into consideration the extreme measures used in removing or annihilation a peaceful group of people.

The prospectors and trappers entered Ute land illegally. Soon, the Utes watched the procession of pioneers, ranchers, farmers, and others looking for a new beginning. These trespassers claimed they were victims and soon after became the aggressors. Every imaginable intent and deed was used to purge the Utes from their land. Murder and extortion were used as a remedy to convince the Utes to move.

Today, you can look back and realize how the illegal mining activities occurred. The corrupt congressional favors led to the slaughter of the First Nation People, complete disregard of the

natural environment with its resources, and especially the destruction of water and its life-giving force.

Eyewitness letters document that an estimated 4,000 Uncompahgres, mostly children, women, and elders, were surrounded by soldiers and militia while the general population watched from a distance. The Utes were pushed and soon panicked. Their personal possessions, coats, bedding, and their means to survive the winter were scattered and trampled.

***"I am puzzled by those who state that we, as native people, should be grateful for all the good things that American values condone."***

The general population gathered all the Utes' personal property and were sent to their deaths. Some families returned to retrieve their winter food cache. They were found and executed, bodies burned and their food shared among all of those who participated.

In 1882, U.S. President Chester Alan Arthur, by executive order, created the 2.9 million-acre Uncompahgre Indian Reservation and located it in the lawless badlands of eastern Utah.

The majority of this land is a bleak, barren, moonscape land. The Uncompahgres lost many people that winter, and those who survived set about to defend the land.

Before the ink was even dry, the white men once against encroached and illegally grazed their livestock on the Uncompahgre land. On once occasion, as the campfire was burning out, a cowboy put a piece of coal in it. The black rock melted and almost burned the camp down.

Other men collected samples

and sent them east because of the discovery of gilsonite, a hydrocarbon which is found in only three places in the world. A 1958 research paper by N.C. Remington of the University of Utah's Department of History includes a vivid look at the stark land and its occupants, as well as the power train of corporations and congressional influence. White men had a typical opinion that neither federal laws nor trespassing on Indian land applied to them.

Behind closed doors and fueled by East Coast money, the gilsonite and oil deals were implemented to systematically remove the Uncompahgres to the Uintah Indian Reservations. By 1958, a completed slurry of pipeline was pumping the hydrocarbon from the Indian land and to a refinery to produce high grade gasoline and pure carbon coke. The government sanctioned this theft that took millions of tons of minerals, billions of barrels of oil, and left huge environmental scars.

Along with energy companies, the state of Utah continues to extort benefits from the land, over which it has no jurisdiction.

Recently, a district court in Utah, in the United States of America vs. Questar, heard the Ute Indian Tribe assert that the Uncompahgre Indian Reservation is still intact. No person or entity has successfully argued that it is not true. The Utes continue to complain of the illegal trespassing, but federal support, oversight, or enforcement is not visible. Americans have experienced the painfully slow action by federal agencies.

In the coming months, try to understand historical events. For example, do not hear only one side of the Civil War, the political justification of brothers killing brothers, or the real reason why women, slaves, land, and guns were personal property of white men.

To control is in the White man's blood. History is not just about all the glorious achievements, but of sacrifices by all. Most Americans do not understand that of all the different groups in this country, only the American Indians have Title

XXV, Code of Federations, hanging over their heads.

Interestingly, most Americans lack knowledge of the First Nation history. The Ute Indians, who were forced at gunpoint to the deserts, continue to breathe and desire their inherited rights. The failure of the federal government to protect their own agreements and treaties is a black eye to the Civil Rights of the First Nation People.

To understand the history of the Uncompahgre Utes is to see a unique and unusual relationship with outsiders.

We look to the future and see ourselves able to hold our own land. We come together to ask President Obama to restore the remaining 1.9-million-acre old Uncompahgre Indian Reservation.

Previously, the Clinton administration, with the stroke of a pen, returned control of a portion of the Uncompahgre Indian Reservation. President Obama could do the same. We are asking for what is legally ours.

Currently, there is a grass roots movement to petition the President of the United States of America to restore the land and to give control back to the Ute Indian people. To voice your support or commitment, got to [bulletin@utetribe.com](mailto:bulletin@utetribe.com) or [mari-ahc@utetribe.com](mailto:mari-ahc@utetribe.com).

*Ronald Yellowbird  
Pine River Valley*

### New Year's Eve celebration thanks

The members of the Health and Wellness PowWow Planning Group would like to express our deepest appreciation to each person and businesses that helped and contributed to the successful Tava Ma Wu See "Sunrise" New Year's Eve celebration that took place on Dec. 31, 2010.

### COLORADO STATE VETERANS HOME AT RIFLE



**Colorado State Veterans Home at Rifle**  
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970.625.0842 or 800.828.4580  
e-mail: [veteranshome.rifle@state.co.us](mailto:veteranshome.rifle@state.co.us)

## Open letter to citizens concerned about the State Veterans Home at Rifle:

You may have seen recent news stories claiming that the State Veterans Home at Rifle could be forced to close. The Colorado Department of Human Services, which operates the State Veterans Home at Rifle, assures you that this is not the case. The Department has no intention—now or in the future—of closing the State Veterans Home at Rifle.

While our Home has had some financial losses and administrative challenges over the past two years, changes have been made in our operations, resulting in a profit for the first quarter of this fiscal year. In addition, the State Veterans Home at Rifle is one of four state veterans homes in Colorado that share financial resources within an annual operating budget of approximately \$50 million. These "pooled" resources allow income from one state veterans home to offset shortfalls from another state veterans home, providing financial stability for all four state veterans homes operated by the Department.

In addition, our Home has many recent successes and plans for improvements:

- The State Veterans Home at Rifle won "Excellence in Action" awards in 2007 and 2009 for combined family and resident satisfaction results that were in the top 10 percent of 5,000-plus facilities surveyed nationally by an independent research firm.
- Recent facility improvements have included creating renovated bathing areas, new bedroom furniture for many residents, library improvements and a new aviary, Serenity Room and ice cream parlor. Additional remodeling is planned for the secure "memory care" neighborhood, dining room, nurses' station, activities areas, courtyard and life safety/nurse call systems, with plans to create a Main Street area with a beauty shop, library, ice cream parlor and other resident services.

Again, please rest assured that the State Veterans Home at Rifle is here for our veterans, their spouses and Gold Star parents—now and in the future. If we can serve you in any way, please contact us at 970.625.0842 or 800.828.4580. We welcome your visits any time!

Sincerely,

*Paul D. Crook*

Paul D. Crook  
Nursing Home Administrator,  
Colorado State Veterans Home at Rifle

### We were all asked, "how we were all doing?"

I am Stella Mae Joe, the mother of Brenda Chavez. She left her three children Brandon, Bryan, Kristie and grandchildren Brandy, her three brothers Orelan, Orval, and Roland Joe, also her close relatives, friends and co-workers.

It's not easy to deal with what happened to Brenda, she left home the morning of 02-09-01 for work and never returned home that evening. It's hard to drive on the same highway she drove that morning not knowing that was her last time she would drive that road.

We all miss her so very much and our love for her has never changed.

Thanks to all her aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends, the Ignacio Police Department staff; Hal Koenig, Janelle Doughty, Marilyn Jesmer, also the Durango FBI, for supporting, comforting, and praying for all of us in our time of need.

*Stell Mae Joe*



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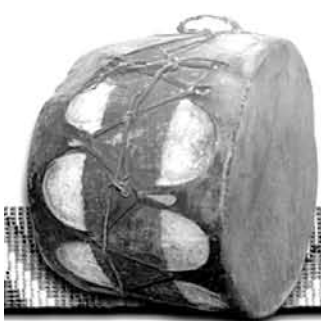
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# Happy Birthday!

**Happy Birthday to Katrina Lyn**  
Hope you have a great year!  
*Love always - your family*

**To our wonderful and loving mom and wife**  
Thank you for all the love and care you give to us!  
We love you so much! Happy Birthday and may God bless you.

*Love your Musketeers,  
Steve and Summer*

**Happy Birthday to my beautiful loveable daughter, Shyanne Morning Star Vigil, who turns 10 on Jan. 28!**

May the Creator Bless you on your special day and always as he has blessed me with you! Thank you for cooking for me, making me hot tea when I'm sick, helping with the house chores and of course all the teasing and laughs that you give me!  
*Love your Mommy*

**Happy 10th Birthday to our little sister Nanz**  
Thank you for being the BEST little sister ever!  
We love you and hope you get everything you wish for today and always. God Bless!

*Hugs & Kisses  
Jalisa, Jesse and Carlos*

**Happy 17th Birthday to our brother Jes**  
Even though we don't say it enough we love you and thank you for all you do like gutting our fish when we go fishing, hunting so we can have jerky and meat, giving us rides from the bus stop and killing the spiders even though you chase us with them. You're a great brother! God Bless...

*Hugs & Kisses  
Jalisa, Carlos & Shyanne*

**Happy 17th Birthday to my son Jesse Vigil on Feb. 9th!**

Well well my son you sure have grown into a handsome young man. I went from chasing you all over the place to wrestling with you loving that same giggle and even though there's been ups and downs I want you to know that everything you've been taught from your family is out of love so you can continue to have respect for yourself and others. I just want to say "Thank you!" for everything you do for our family, even if it is just to kill a spider at 2 a.m. I love you very much my boy and hope you get all that you wish for on your special day and always!

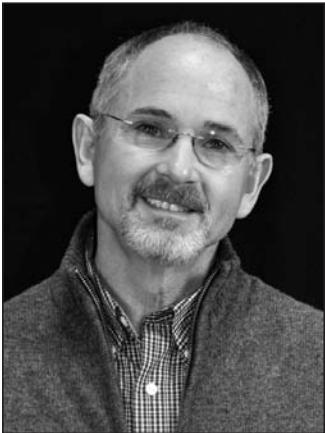
*Love your Mama*

**Happy Birthday Miracle**

Life isn't easy... as you are finding out. Children are a gift from the Creator, he loans them to us to teach them and raise them the best we can, so they can grow to pass on what our parents taught us, and their parents before them. We as parents do what we can to ensure they have a good life, for the short time they are with us. Be patient, understand we all make mistakes. I made plenty with you. I tried the best I could, now it's up to you to do the very best you can. We aspire to give our children a better life than what we had. Have fun today, be proud of who you are. You are still young and have much to learn, don't let anyone tell you, you are a bad person, they made their own mistakes too. Miracle, I love you with all my heart and I am thankful and blessed of the gifts you gave to me, my grandchildren - Keevin and Keelynn.

*Love your daddy  
and your children - Keevin and Keelynn*

## NEW EMPLOYEES



**Michael Brennan**  
Job title: Human resources generalist  
Description of duties: Perform human resources duties to include policy interpretation and application, recruitment, applicant processing, employee orientation, data entry and management.  
Hobbies: Biking, camping, hiking, reading and woodwork.  
Family: Wife Sally, son Timothy (29) and daughter Kyla (31).

## Correction

In a Jan. 14 story, workers taking down the Sky Ute Casino Pavilion were misidentified as Southern Ute Tribe workers.

In a Jan. 14 listing of youth basketball rosters, Demarr Harlan was omitted from the information the Drum received. Harlan is a member of the Bobcats team.

## In Colo., Walmart's health push praised

*By Kathleen Ryan  
Colorado News Connection*

A push by Walmart to get healthier foods on its store shelves is being praised by a Colorado organization. "Cooking Matters" helps low-income Coloradans learn how to avoid high-fat, high-sugar, high-sodium products by making their own meals. Ruth Stemler, Colorado director of the Share our Strength "Cooking Matters" program, says 6,000 families statewide

took the course last year. Their program teaches people how to understand food labels and find the best products at the lowest cost and then transform those ingredients into a healthy meal. "What families lack, many times, is those quick tips that they need to actually prepare a healthy meal, a low-cost meal, and a meal that doesn't take hours of preparation time," she said. Walmart announced Jan. 20 it will be cutting unhealthy fats, sugars and salts from thousands of its house-branded products –

and encourage its suppliers, like Kraft, to do the same on their products. The company also plans to cut prices on fresh fruits and vegetables. Stemler says a corporation like Walmart – with huge purchasing power – can make a real impact on the marketplace. "Many of our families do have a very limited budget, and they do need to shop at the very lowest-cost grocery store," she said. "This will help our work as we teach them how to shop for healthy choices."

### LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE PUBLIC, BE ADVISED that Michael Gerald Tom, a.k.a. Michael Gerard Tom, has been adjudicated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court to be an at-risk adult subject to a legal guardianship and conservatorship under a long term protection order. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Division of Social Services as legal guardian over Mr. Tom's person and estate has exclusive authority over Mr. Tom's person, property and financial affairs. Mr. Tom lacks legal authority to execute binding contracts which concern his person, property and financial affairs. All future contracts, express or implied, purporting to bind Mr. Tom and/or his property which have not been pre-approved or ratified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Division of Social Services shall be void and unenforceable.

### IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT

OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE • ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION  
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, IGNACIO, CO (970) 563-0240

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-187  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Jaela R Velasco, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Shelenia Porambo filed an application on behalf of Jaela Lucinda Rae Velasco for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jaela Lucinda Rae Porambo. As of Jan. 10, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Jaela Lucinda Rae Velasco name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Jaela Lucinda Rae Porambo.  
**Dated this 12th day of January, 2011.**  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Lynn Blue Star. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than Feb. 27, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
**Dated this 26th day of January, 2011.**  
Janie Herrera, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-188  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Kylan Jacob Velasco, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Shelenia Porambo filed an application on behalf of Kylan Jacob Velasco for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kylan Porambo. As of Jan. 10, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Kylan Jacob Velasco name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Kylan Porambo.  
**Dated this 12th day of January, 2011.**  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2011-NC-004  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Tanisha Lee Naranjo Turtle Collins, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Tanisha Lee Naranjo Turtle Collins has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Tanisha Ruth Marie Turtle Coyote. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than Feb. 28, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
**Dated this 26th day of January, 2011.**  
Janie Herrera, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-203  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Kirstin Kateri Lupe, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Kirstin Lupe filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kirstin Kateri Dee Howe. As of Jan. 11, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Kirstin Kateri Lupe name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Kirstin Kateri Dee Howe.  
**Dated this 11th day of January, 2011.**  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-DV-210  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Shirley Gallegos, Civil Subject**  
On Jan. 24, 2011 the matter came before the Court for Dissolution of Marriage. The Court grants the Dissolution of Marriage and Veronica Shirley Gallegos' name is hereby restored to Veronica Shirley Carmenoros.  
**Dated this 25th day of January, 2011.**  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2011-NC-003  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Daisy Lynn Frost, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Daisy Lynn Frost has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Daisy

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-209  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
Tyson Demone Cloud, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Tyson Demone Cloud filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Damon Anthony Tyson Cloud. As of Jan. 24, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Tyson Demone Cloud name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Damon Anthony Tyson Cloud.  
**Dated this 25th day of January, 2011.**  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

## December Meteorological Data

UTE I Monitoring Station • Ignacio BIA Forestry Compound

| AVERAGE (Day) HIGH TEMP.  |           |         | PRECIPITATION DATA |             |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|-------------|
| December                  | 4.69 C    | 40.43 F | Date               | Daily Total |
| AVERAGE (Night) LOW TEMP. |           |         | December 9         | .01"        |
| December                  | -1.81 C   | 28.74 F | December 10        | .01"        |
| AVERAGE DAILY TEMP.       |           |         | December 16        | .20"        |
| December                  | -1.62 C   | 34.92 F | December 17        | .05"        |
| AVERAGE WINDSPEED         |           |         | December 18        | .36"        |
| Monthly Average           |           |         | December 19        | .22"        |
| December                  | 3.87 MPH  |         | December 21        | .23"        |
| Maximum Hourly Average    |           |         | December 22        | .16"        |
| December 11, 2011         | 17.29 MPH |         | December 23        | .35"        |
|                           |           |         | December 29        | .65"        |
|                           |           |         | December 30        | .42"        |
|                           |           |         | Monthly Total      | 2.67"       |

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT BOXING

MAIN EVENT

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LINCOLN, NE

JOE GOMEZ  
FARMINTON, NM  
VS.  
BERNARDO GUERECIA  
EL PASO, TX

BATTLE OF THE ROCKIES

MMA SENSATION/PRO DEBUT  
CHRIS LEYVA  
FARMINGTON, NM  
VS.  
ARTHUR ARAGON  
LAS LUNAS, NM

3 TIME WORLD CHAMP  
LAYLA MCCARTER  
LAS VEGAS, NV  
VS.  
CIMBERLY HARRIS  
TAMPA BAY, FL

WIBA YOUTH TITLE  
BRITTANY CRUZ  
DENVER, CO  
VS.  
AMANDA CRESPIEN  
LAS VEGAS, NM

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STEPHEN VICTOR  
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Saturday, February 12th, 2011

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### Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com  
*Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.*

**Senior Accountant**  
Closing date 1/31/11 – GF Finance/Accounting  
Provides accounting support for monthly consolidation and close, general ledger account reconciliation, financial reporting responsibilities and annual audit support.

**Director of Engineering**  
Closing date 2/1/11 – Red Cedar Gathering Co.  
Design and engineering of Red Cedar facilities, including pipeline systems, field compressor stations, gas treating plants, related systems and equipment, and coordinating construction on all projects.

**Petroleum Engineer I**  
Closing date 2/1/11 – Red Willow Production Co.  
Conducting engineering evaluations and projects, assisting in project implementation, and in coordinating and recommending procedures for field operations, rig work, and well testing.

**Petroleum Engineer II**  
Closing date 2/1/11 – Red Willow Production Co.  
Completing engineering evaluations and projects, assisting with economic analysis using ARIES, and implementing projects, and, coordinating and recommending procedures for field operations, rig work, and well testing.

**Petroleum Engineer III**  
Closing date 2/1/11 – Red Willow Production Co.  
Leading and generating engineering evaluations, projects, and technical procedures, performing economic analysis using ARIES, assisting in imple-

menting projects, and, expediting the implementation of field operations, rig work, and well testing.

**Petroleum Engineer IV**  
Closing date 2/1/11 – Red Willow Production Co.  
Leading and completing engineering evaluations, projects, technical procedures, and project reporting, performing economic analysis using ARIES, assisting in implementing projects, and, expediting the implementation of field operations, rig work, and well testing.

**Senior Petroleum Engineer**  
Closing date 2/1/11 – Red Willow Production Co.  
Leading and completing engineering evaluations, developing technical procedures, and project reporting, assisting in implementing and managing production projects, and, reviewing field operations, rig work, and well testing.

**Wireless Network Administrator (part-time)**  
Closing date 2/11/11 – SUGF-Shared Services  
Enterprise shared services network and coordination of customer support. Manages information systems, servers, routers and other network appliances.

**Business Intelligence Reporting Developer**  
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- You must be a parent or guardian of a currently enrolled student of the Ignacio or Bayfield school district
- Children must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe with a certificate of Indian blood (cib) or have proof of 1/4 descendancy
- 18 or older
- Commit to a fulfill the remainder of the current two-year term.

Interested parties please contact Ellen Baker at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793, Southern Ute Education or esbak-er@southern-ute.nsn.us.

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boxing Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently has one (1) commission vacancy. This is for a two-year term, individual will receive commission pay, the commission is open to anyone of interest, the qualifications are:

- Must be 18+ years of age
- Shall be of good character
- Shall not have been convicted of or plead guilty to any felony or boxing related offenses

Submit your letter of intent by 4 p.m. on Feb. 4, to: Southern Ute Boxing Commission, PO Box 737 #74 Ignacio, CO 81137, or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to the Tribal Housing Dept., attention: Phillip Martinez, chairman 970-563-0135 ext. 2239 or Hilda Burch, treasurer 970-563-4710 ext. 2722.

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking one Southern Ute Tribal Member to serve on the Gaming Commission, for a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following requirements:

- Shall be subject to the same suitability criteria as a key licensee.
- Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Have no felony convictions, gambling-related offense convictions, or convictions or offenses involving dishonesty or theft within the past ten years.
- Experience or expertise in regulatory matters, or administrative hearing procedures.
- Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality.
- All applicants will be subject to background investigations.

Tribal members interested in serving on the Gaming Commission should pick up an application from the Division of Gaming Office and return by 5:00 p.m., Jan. 28. If you have any questions, please call the Division of Gaming office at 970-563-0180. The Division of Gaming is located at 149 County Road 517, in the West wing of the Judicial Complex.

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
\*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

**Advanced Practice Nurse**  
Open Until Filled – Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

**Supervisory Clinical Nurse**  
Closing date 2/1/11 – Nursing Management position responsible for organizing and supervising the work of the Southern Ute Health Center nursing programs to ensure that effective nursing services are provided and quality standards are met.

**Lifeguard (5 Positions)**  
Closing date 2/3/11 – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director.

**Risk Coordinator**  
Closing date 2/4/11 – Assists the Risk Manager in all functions of Risk Management with an emphasis on workers’ compensation and property and liability insurance.

**Grounds Maintenance Laborer**  
Closing date 2/4/11 – Performs daily grounds, repair and maintenance of the Tribal grounds and buildings.

**Registered Dietitian**  
Closing date 2/7/11 – Providing comprehensive medical nutrition therapy service to patients registered in Tribal Health Department and Southern Ute Health Center. This position is grant funded.

**Gaming Investigator I**  
Closing date 2/7/11 – Entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement / Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation.

**Gaming Investigator II**  
Closing date 2/7/11 – Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation.

**Deputy Court Clerk**  
Closing date 2/7/11 – Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner.

**Cultural Department Director**  
Closing date 2/18/11 – Professional management position with the overall responsibility for the formulation, planning, implementation and management of tribal cultural and historic programs and various related activities. The Culture Department Director provides direction, support, guidance, and general supervision to divisions and programs within the Department to promote and maintain the integrity and continuity of Southern Ute culture and history. The Director shall ensure all actions of the Department are based upon and effectively express the cultural values, principles and perspectives of the Southern Ute Tribe as a whole and ensuring the primary beneficiary of its actions is the tribal membership.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.  
\*Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for six months.

### BP - Job Announcements

For in-depth information on this position and to join our team, visit our website at: [www.bp.com/epcareers](http://www.bp.com/epcareers). BP is seeking the following positions. BP is an equal opportunity employer. Click on the “View Jobs” under the “HSSE” category or click “Submit Resume/CV” and then click “Search Openings” and type in Req ID#.

**Operations Field Technician – Durango, Colo. #17626BR**  
In compliance with Title 17 of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Employment Rights Code, BP will give preference to individuals covered by the Code for purposes of hiring, promotion, lay-off, and training for work performed within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.

### KSUT - Public Radio

KSUT Offices: 970-563-0255 • P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137  
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**Underwriting Sales Representative**  
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### SUCCM

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum  
Application packets can be picked up at 14826 HWY 172, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-9583  
Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference • [www.southernutemuseum.org](http://www.southernutemuseum.org)

**Executive Director Apprentice**  
Closing date 2/4/11 – Executive Director Apprentice for the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) located in Ignacio, Colorado. Minimum requirements include a bachelors degree from a recognized college or university and must be a Southern Ute Tribal member. The Executive Director Apprentice will be mentored by the SUCCM Executive Director to become fully knowledgeable and competent in all areas of museum management and operations. Must pass drug and alcohol screening and criminal history background check.

**Assistant Director**  
Closing date 2/4/11 – Assistant Director for the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) located in Ignacio, Colorado. Minimum requirements include an undergraduate degree in finance, business or accounting and a human resources background . Responsible for the financial management, human resources oversight and implementation, facilities management, and daily operations of the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum. Must pass drug and alcohol screening and criminal history background check. TERO preference applies to this position.

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Graffiti sullies the infrastructure at a local school bus stop in Cedar Point East.

# Graffiti mars Ignacio sites

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

When the sun dawned over Ignacio the morning of Jan. 22, it brought to light more than a dozen scenes of vandalism across town.

Blue and black spray-paint messages had been scrawled on everything from fences and signs to bus stops and tribal buildings, including the old Sky Ute Casino. Not even tribal vehicles were spared – one traveling into town on Jan. 24 bore the mark “505” in hastily drawn lettering on the back.

“It was fairly widespread,” said Lt. Tom Boyce of the Southern Ute Police Department, adding there were “in excess of 15” individual acts of vandalism discovered.

The first of them was reported Jan. 19, but authorities believe



A tagged truck sits at Motor Pool, one of many victims of a recent bout of vandalism.

“south side” in many instances, the SUPD has received information leading it to pursue several suspect leads locally, he said.

“Initially our thoughts were [on New Mexico],” he said.

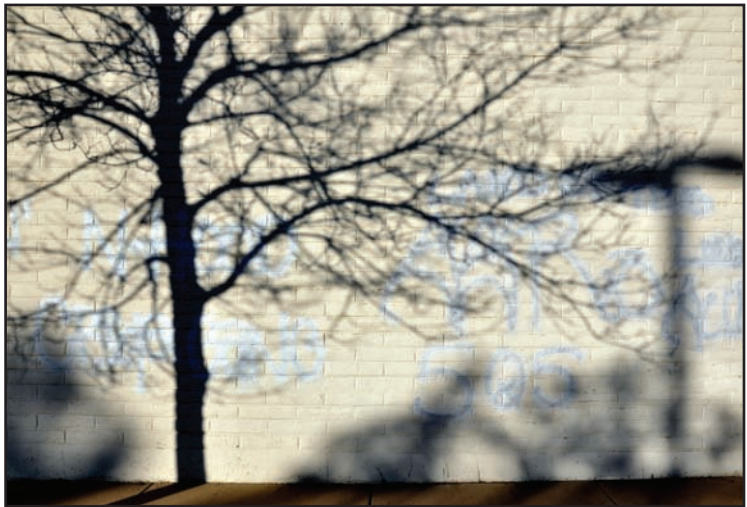
Tribal administration expressed regret over the defacing of local sites and called on tribal members to protect their reservation and help prevent similar crimes from occurring in the future.

Boyce said given the widespread nature of the graffiti, it’s likely multiple perpetrators were involved. If caught, depending on the assessed value of the damage, they could face either misdemeanor or felony charges, he said.

“It could range anywhere from having to pay some kind of fine – some court cost – in addition to repaying the value of the damage,” he said. “It may include jail time.”

He also asked community members to help by staying vigilant in the fight against local crime.

“With any criminal act, we encourage people within their neighborhoods or their areas, while they’re driving around, to keep an eye out,” he said.



Taggers hit a wall on the east side of the old Sky Ute Casino.

another round of painting occurred Jan. 21 between 9 and 9:30 p.m., Boyce said. Despite the prominent featuring of a New Mexico area code and phrases like

“That’s not the case now. ... They’re trying to utilize some south side affiliation.”

There’s no indication the graffiti is gang-related, Boyce said.



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## Growth Fund bids farewell to Box



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Greg Box sits attentively as his colleagues make some kind and often humorous remarks, relaying stories from Box’s tenure with Red Willow Production Company. Box retired Jan. 26 after serving 8 years with the Growth Fund. Colleague Bill McFie said Box “took his job seriously, but always got along with co-workers.” Bruce Valdez and McFie wrap Box in a blanket commemorating his 8 years of service to the Tribe.

## A Southern Ute landscape



The landscape on the Southern Ute Reservation yields itself to the season as snow is traded for ice and wind in the early weeks of 2011. A view from the reservation shows signs of winter hanging on to the La Plata peaks as shadows lengthen towards the day’s end. The Pine River flows with ice and water as a cottonwood hangs in the reflection of a cold winter sunrise along the banks of County Road 517.

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